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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION
(By Consent)

Case No. 12-42-JC

Notice Issued: August 24, 2012

Richard L. Banta, II, P 39845, River Rouge, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #19.


1. Suspension - 180 Days
2. Effective April 1, 2012¹

On May 10, 2012, the Grievance Administrator filed Judgments of Conviction showing that respondent had been convicted of the following misdemeanors:

1. October 26, 2009 - by no contest plea to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, in violation of MCL 257.6251-A, in the matter of *People v Richard L. Banta, II*, 23rd District Court Case No. 09-2480-SD;
2. March 8, 2007 - driving with no operator's license, a misdemeanor, in the matter of *People v Richard L. Banta, II*, 33rd District Court Case No. 06-B18165A. In this same action, respondent was held in contempt on April 24, 2007 for failing to timely pay his assessed finds and costs;
3. December 14, 2004 - impaired driving, a misdemeanor, in violation of MCL 257.6251-A, in the matter of *People v Richard L. Banta, II*, 27th District Court Case No. 04-3554; and
4. October 31, 2002 - by plea to resisting and obstructing a police officer - injury, a misdemeanor, in violation of MCL 750.479A-B, in the matter of *People v Richard L. Banta, II*, Wayne County Circuit Court Case No. 02-006891-01-FH.

Contemporaneously with the filing of the judgments of conviction, the Grievance Administrator filed a Stipulation for Consent Order of Discipline, which contained respondent's admission that he was convicted of the misdemeanors set forth in the Judgments of Conviction, in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(5).

Based upon the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days, commencing April 1, 2012. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$14.40.



John F. Van Bolt
Dated: **AUG 24 2012**

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since April 16, 2002. Please see Notice of Denial of Petition for Reinstatement issued April 16, 2002.